

DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Geographically, Tennessee is bordered by eight states. The state is divided into three parts. East Tennessee is, in general, a mountainous region with the Appalachian Mountains in the extreme eastern section. This section also contains the fertile valley of East Tennessee which lies between the Appalachian Mountains and the Cumberland Plateau, a table land with an average elevation of 2,000 feet above sea level. Middle Tennessee, which includes a few counties in the western section of the Cumberland Plateau, is bordered on the west by the Tennessee River, as it flows north. This section contains the fertile Nashville or Central Basin. West Tennessee is a part of the Gulf Coastal Plain and is bordered on the east by the Tennessee River flowing north and on the west by the Mississippi River.

The state is divided into 95 counties. In certain sections of the state, the population is sparse. The four largest cities are Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga.

COUNTIES, MAJOR CITIES, AND PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS OF TENNESSEE

